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## **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**October 17, 2016 3:00 P.M.**

**Champ Hall Conference Room**

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**Present:** Ronda Callister (Past President), Kimberly Lott (President-Elect), President Stan Albrecht (Ex-Officio), Provost Noelle Cockett (Ex-Officio), Michele Hillard (Exec. Sec.), Joan Kleinke, Rick Heflebower, Lisa Gabbert, Britt Fagerheim, Scott Henrie, Juan Villalba, Chris Winstead, David Brown, Leslie Brott, Jeanette Norton, Dennis Garner

**Absent:** Vince Wickwar (Chair), Mark McLellan

**Guests:** Larry Smith, Ed Heath, Alexi Lamm

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Ronda Callister called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes September 19, 2016

*Minutes approved.*

### **University Business - President Albrecht & Provost Cockett**

An email, to all employees, was sent from the President regarding the sexual assault issue. An appeal made by Salt Lake Tribune was won by USU. This appeal was regarding the FERPA law and protecting the confidentiality of all students. Mica McKinney attended a meeting with the Tribune to discuss the suit. Tribune reporters may attend the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

Old Main Society will be held on Friday, October 21. There will be approximately 70 donors inducted into the society. Current amount of giving to be inducted is \$25,000. Agriculture and Applied Sciences will have a building naming on Friday. The building will be named the Stan L. Albrecht Agricultural Sciences building.

October 27 naming event at the USU Innovation campus. The calibration building will become the Robert F. Bennett building.

### **Information Items**

Faculty Forum Executive Meeting – October 17, 2016 – Ronda Callister

Faculty Forum – November 14, 2016

FSEC Brown Bag Lunch – October 24, 2016

USU's Sustainability Infrastructure and Programs - Alexi Lamm

Briefed the FSEC on Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Two thirds of the green gases are heating and cooling on the campuses. The Goal is to become carbon neutral. Seventeen faculty members attended a one-day workshop and discussed USU sustainability resources. If the 17 faculty members update their syllabi and include sustainability in their courses approximately 2,000 students will be impacted by this knowledge and commitment. Buildings on campus are helping to support the sustainability initiative. Housing is participating in energy wars and they are competing to reduce energy. The Aggie commuter club works with transportation and provides benefits to those willing to bus or bike to campus. This initiative also includes a ride share program. Over 5000 individuals on campus have registered. Drive electric in northern Utah is collaborating with Weber State University on this program. Ratings are submitted every 3 years. USU came in with a silver rating. Additional information regarding sustainability can be found at: [www.sustainability.usu.edu](http://www.sustainability.usu.edu).

*Motion to move to Faculty Senate as an information item made by Chris Winstead. Seconded by Leslie Brott. Moved to Faculty Senate.*

## Reports

### **EPC Items (October) & Annual Report – Larry Smith**

Annual report - each year committee is required to compile all actions taking place in EPC for the prior year. Every item in that report went through the Faculty Senate Exec and Faculty Senate. This serves as an archival function. Monthly report - all R401 proposals, except one, were small or abbreviated changes and were approved to move forward. There is one full template. Five of the proposals were for name changes. *Motion to move to Faculty Senate as a report made by Kimberly Lott. Seconded by Jeanette Norton. Moved to Faculty Senate.*

### **Athletic Council – Ed Heath**

USU is leading in how well student athletes do academically. One out of two on the USU track team has come from high school with a 4.0 GPA. USU comes in second to Air Force regarding academics and student athletes. *Motion to move to Faculty Senate as a report made by Leslie Brott. Seconded by Chris Winstead. Moved to Faculty Senate.*

### **Faculty Evaluation Committee – Raymond Veon**

Reviewed report. No one was present to discuss report but it was moved on to Faculty Senate where it will be presented by Raymond Veon. *Motion to move to Faculty Senate as a report made by Leslie Brott. Seconded by Kimberly Lott. Moved to Faculty Senate*

## New Business

Election of Honorary Degree and Awards Committee Member - Leslie Brott

There are 15 individuals who are willing to serve. Per code there should be a vote of at least seven individuals on the ballot. Top three names are provided to the President's office and they will select one of the three to serve on the committee. Will note which individuals "want" to serve on the ballot. Will link the ballot on the Faculty Senate agenda.

*Motion to submit ballot and request voting made by Leslie Brott. Seconded by Lisa Gabbert. Voting and ballot moved to Faculty Senate.*

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Minutes Submitted by: Michele Hillard, Faculty Senate Executive Secretary, 797-0121